

# Christ Church Grosse Pointe

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 1, 2026 ✠ 9 AM

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*Welcome to this service of Holy Eucharist at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. We hope that this service will help lift you to the presence of God and strengthen you for the week to come.*

*Scripture readings are printed in Currents (leaflet insert).*

*Hymns are found in the red hymnal in your pew.*

*'S' numbers refer to service music found in the front of the hymnal.*

## Holy Eucharist: Rite II

VOLUNTARY

ARIA

*Flor Peeters  
(1903-1986)*

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Reverend Andrew Van Culin

## ❧ The Entrance Rite ❧

*The people stand.*

HYMN 569

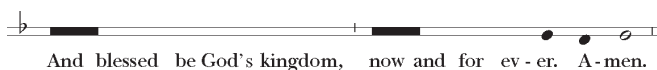
GOD THE OMNIPOTENT!

*Russia*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*



*The Celebrant prays the Collect for Purity, and the people respond Amen.*

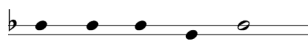
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO - S 279

*The children follow the Children's Cross to the Chancel steps during the Gloria.*

## ❧ The Word of God ❧

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.



*People*

And al - so with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People*

**Amen.**

*The Celebrant dismisses the children to Children's Chapel, and the people respond Amen.*

*The people are seated for the reading and the Psalm.*

THE READING

Micah 6:1-8

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 15

*The people stand for the hymn.*

HYMN 593

LORD, MAKE US SERVANTS OF YOUR PEACE

*Dickinson College*

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*The Gospel is read.*

*People* The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

THE SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Van Culin

*A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon.*  
*The people stand.*

THE LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

*Intercessor* Let us give thanks to God our Father for  
all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

*People* For the beauty and wonder of your creation,  
in earth and sky and sea,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

*People* For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women,  
revealing the image of Christ,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

*People* For our daily food and drink, our homes and families,  
and our friends,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

*People* For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

*People* For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

*People* For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering  
and faithful in adversity,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

*People* For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

*People* For the communion of saints, in all times and places,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

*People* Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and  
promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
**To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father,  
and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.  
Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries are invited to come forward.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray for those in our congregation who are celebrating a birthday or an anniversary.

*People* **O God, our times are in your hand:  
Look with favor, we pray,  
on your servants as they begin another year.  
Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace,  
and strengthen their trust in your goodness  
all the days of their lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE COMMISSIONING OF CROSSROADS VOLUNTEERS

THE OFFERTORY

*The people remain seated while the offering is collected.*

ANTHEM

GEISTLICHES LIED, OP. 30

*Johannes Brahms  
(1833-1897)*

*Lass dich nur nichts nicht dauren mit Trauen, sei stille, wie Gott es fügt, so sei vergnügt mein Wille. Was willst du heute sorgen auf morgen, der Eine steht allem für, der gibt auch dir das Deine. Sei nur in allem Handel ohne Wandel, stehe feste, was Gott beschleußt, das ist und heißt das Beste. Amen.*

Let nothing ever grieve you; with tears, remain calm, as God ordains; therefore be content my will. Why do you worry today about tomorrow? The one true God guarantees all, who will give to you what is yours. In all your affairs be changeless, remain firm. As God decrees, that is the best. Amen.

*The people stand as the gifts are presented.  
Children and their parents are invited to follow the children's cross and to sit in the Chancel between the choir stalls. They return to their seats for Communion.*

HYMN 554

'TIS THE GIFT TO BE SIMPLE

*Simple Gifts*

~ The Holy Communion ~

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant

People

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant

People

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS - S 131

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

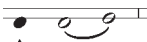
*People* Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
**We remember his death,**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [N. and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

*People*

  
A - men.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*All* **Our Father,**  
**who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be thy name,**  
**thy kingdom come,**  
**thy will be done,**  
**on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread.**  
**And forgive us our trespasses,**  
**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**  
**And lead us not into temptation,**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,**  
**for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* There-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu-ia.

THE INVITATION

*To receive Communion, come to a Communion Station or to the Altar Rail at the direction of the ushers. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than Communion, cross your arms over your chest—this will alert the priest of your request. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

AGNUS DEI - S 166

*The people are seated.*

VOLUNTARY	ANDANTE RELIGIOSO, FROM SONATA NO. 4, OP. 65	Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
ANTHEM	THE BEATITUDES	Nancy Wertsch (b. 1948)

Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountain side and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Rejoice and be glad, for great is your reward in heaven.”

*Matthew 5:1-10, 12*

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*The people stand.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
*All* **Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members  
of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father,  
send us out to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*The Celebrant blesses the people.*  
*People* **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

*The Gospeller dismisses the people.*  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN 557, vs. 1-4, 7**      **REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART!**      *Vineyard Haven*

**VOLUNTARY**      **SKETCH IN C MAJOR**      *Robert Schumann  
(1810-1856)*

*During the voluntary, parents are invited to escort their children to  
St. David's Crossing for breakfast and formation.*